

Facilities of Telephones, Post and Telegraph to Panchayats in Districts of Uttar Pradesh

3091. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) a number of gram panchayats in Aligarh (hathras), Bijnor and Bulandshahar of Uttar Pradesh where the facilities of tele-

phone and posts and telegraph offices have been provided; and

(b) the number of departmental post Offices and telephone connection facilities targetted to be provided to the said districts of Uttar Pradesh during 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The details upto 29th February 1992 are as under:

Sl. No.	District	No. of Panchayat Telephones	No. of post offices	No. of Telegraph Offices (Phonocom)
1.	Aligarh (Hathras)	133	409	62
2.	Bulandshahar	121	305	87
3.	Bijnor	36	208	30

(b) The targets for 1991-92 are as under:-

Sl. No.	District	No. of Panchayat Telephones	No. of post offices
1.	Aligarh (Hathras)	55	Nil
2.	Bulandshahar	20	Nil
3.	Bijnor	35	Nil

Curtailment of approved Episodes

3092. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan curtail the number of approved episodes of any serial;

(b) if so, whether there is any provision to compensate the producers of unrelayed but approved episodes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Doordarshan has the right to refuse the continued telecast of a multi-episode programme at any time in case the producer fails to comply with the conditions specified by Doordarshan.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Diversion of west flowing Rivers to southern districts of Tamil Nadu

3093. DR. V. RAJESHWARAN:
SHRI R. DHANUSHODI
ATHITHAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to divert the water of West flowing rivers joining Arabian Sea on the coast of Kerala towards the southern districts of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). A National perspective for Water Resources Development prepared by the Government, among other things, envisages partial diversion of west flowing rivers of Kerala and Kamataka, joining Arabian Sea, to water deficit areas east of the Western Ghats.

The National Water Development Agency has prepared the preliminary feasibility report of the Pamba-Achenkovil-Vaigai link. The benefits envisage 25 MW of power generation in Kerala, meeting irrigation requirement of about 1 lakh hectares of land and drinking water provision for the drought prone districts of Tamil Nadu.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Licences for beer Factories

3094. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently issued licences to 110 beer factories;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether keeping in view the great demand of beer in Arab countries, the Government have laid down any condition for the export of the beer produced in these factories;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government propose to issue more licences to produce beer in view of its demand in Arab Countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIGIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). Recently, Government have issued only six Letter of Intents for the manufacture of Beer, out of which four have been issued to Non-Resident Indians and two to Indian residents.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Applications received for grant of Letters of Intent for manufacture of beer are under the consideration of Government.

Reserved Quota for SC/ST in NTPC Power Units in U.P.

3095. SHRI RAM NIHOR RAI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees in each category working in NTPC Thermal Power Project in Uttar Pradesh;